

**Minutes of a monthly meeting of Usk Town Council held at
The Sessions House, Usk on Monday 9th May 2016 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllr D Harding, Cllr T Keenan, Cllr Mrs. J Jeremiah, Cllrs A Leathwood, R. Galletley, Cllrs M Evans, G Roderick, T Watkins, Cllr Mrs. C Wilkinson
RFO Ms. J Mee

1.0 To accept Apologies for Absence

County Cllr Strong, Cllr Mrs. C Williams

1.1 To disclose personal and pecuniary interest in items of business listed below:

There were none

**1.2 To Approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on
11th April 2016**

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record and duly signed.

**1.3 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on
11th April 2016**

There were none

**1.4 To receive a report from the Sessions House Management
Committee**

See report dated 4th May 2016.

Cllr Galletley reported that the SHMC had taken the decision to take on new builders to carry out necessary repairs and maintenance on the Sessions House roof. SH manager to inform Able Builders of this decision

1.5 To receive the financial statement of accounts for April 2016

Councillors received the list of receipts and payments.

The reconciliation for April 2016 showed no erroneous receipts or payments.

1.6 To receive the latest report on the Movement of Prisoners from HMP Usk to HMP Prescoed.

Exclusion of Press and Public

By virtue of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public are excluded from discussions on the items listed on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Council went into Committee to receive a report from the Sessions House Management Committee and to discuss items 1.7, 1.8, 1.9 and 2.0 (see below)

1.7 To receive an update on the proposed skate park/Borstal Field

Discussed in Committee

**1.8 To discuss the nominations for the position of Town Councillor
Applicants are**

Discussed in Committee

1.9 To receive an update on the state of the Priory in St. Mary's Way

Discussed in Committee

2.0 To receive a report from the Appraisal Committee

Discussed in Committee

2.1 Planning Applications.

1. **DC/2016/00376** Demolish existing conservatory and replace with single storey extension **6 Black Barn Lane** **Recommend Approval**
2. **DC/2016/ 00391** listed building consent internal alterations to enlarge kitchen by removing part of an existing masonry **28 Porthycarne Street, Usk** **Recommend Approval**
3. **DC/2016/00091** First floor rear extension **2 Denbury Mews** **Recommend Approval**
4. **DC/2015/01588** Conversion with alterations and extension to former gallery to provide two dwellings **Old Smithy 34 Maryport Street** **Recommend Refusal**

2.2 To discuss the revised code of Conduct (model code of Conduct) (wales) (Amendment) Order 2016 – declaration of interests

This was noted.

Resolved:

The revised Code of Conduct was adopted by Councillors

2.3 To discuss payments to members of Town and Community Councils

This was noted.

The Chair of Finance informed members that payment is an individual decision for Councillors.

Resolved:

Members of UTC will not claim payment, however it was resolved to include payment to members in next year's budget should future Cllrs require remuneration.

2.4 To receive a Report from the Traffic & HGVs Committee

No major changes.

Resolved:

Awaiting a report from a recent meeting with MCC officers Roger Hoggins and Bryan Jones.

2.5 To receive an update on the One Stop corner and double yellow lines on Maryport Street

Resolved:

Paul Keeble MCC will make a site visit to discuss the problem of dangerous parking in this area.

2.6 To receive Reports from Members serving on other bodies

Usk Twinning with Graben-Neudorf

It was reported that Burgermeister Hans D. Reinwald is due to end his term of office. UTC has received an invitation to his leaving reception.

Resolved:

Cllrs are unable to attend, however a donation of a £100 will be sent to the Church Welfare Centre in Graben-Neudorf in lieu of a gift

2.7 To receive an update on the “Give Dog Fouling the Red Card” pilot scheme

Cllr Leathwood and The Clerk recently attended a meeting at County Hall with other Town and Community Councils.

UTC has been very pro-active in tackling the problem of dog fouling. The leaflet produced by UTC is to be used as a template by other T & CC’s.

Resolved:

MCC has decided on two enforcement days per year to be organized by Environmental Health and the Police. They are to be 19th May and the 8th September 2016. Problem areas are to be targeted.

2.8 To receive an update on Community defibrillators in Usk and to discuss the siting of the defibrillators in the Town

Resolved:

Cllr Harding reported that there is a slight delay in the arrival of the defibrillators.

Suggested sites for the location of the defibrillators are

- The Fire Station
- Memorial Hall
- Outside the Co-op
- Outside James House doctor’s surgery

2.9 To receive a report from The Chamber of Commerce and Usk Festival/Market Committee and to discuss attendance at the Next Chamber of Commerce meeting

Resolved:

Plans for the Festival are going well. It was brought to the Council’s attention by the Chairman that Usk Chamber of Commerce will apply for temporary road closures for the festival but intends to contest payment.

3.0 To receive an update on the Velothon 2016

Resolved:

Leaflets with details of the Velothon have now been distributed to homes. The water station is to be at the Memorial Hall. There is a request for volunteers. Details to be found on UTC website

3.1 To receive an update on the possibility of a railing being put up on the pavement outside the entrance to the P.O in order to prevent any one being hit by traffic.

It was reported that MCC do not think this is possible.

Resolved:

Paul Keeble to visit make a site visit.

3.2 To receive an update on the Usk Park Project and attendance of a Councillor at the Annual Meeting on Thursday 19th May at 8pm.

UPP are in the process of submitting their lottery application. This has been supported by UTC.

Resolved:

Cllr Keenan will attend their Annual Meeting

3.3 To discuss Usk Town Council's participation in this year's Usk Agricultural Show and a request from Usk WI to join the stand

Resolved:

Usk Town Council will take a stall at the Usk Show. It was agreed that the Usk WI could join the stall. Clerk to contact those parties that wish to be involved.

3.4 To receive an update from the Events Committee regarding

❖ **The Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations - street party Sunday 12th June 2016**

Resolved:

The arrangements are progressing well. There is a good programme of events planned.

3.5 Correspondence:

From: Auditor General Consults on New Audit Approach

From: The Village Alive Trust

3.6 Any other business. *Any other business is at the discretion of and with prior notice to the Chairman*

For information.

- There is to be a Twinning Concert on Monday 16th May at 7pm at the Memorial Hall
- The Civic Service is to be held on Sunday 5th June at 3pm
- Cllrs are invited to an evening to celebrate a stitched/embroidered time line of Usk created by Usk's "Loose Threads" on Friday 12th May at 7pm. The timeline will be located in The Sessions House.

There was no further business and the meeting formally closed at 8.50pm